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Philipsburg: A Distinctive Destination

Helena – April 6, 2006 - The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently awarded Philipsburg a coveted spot as one of America's 2006 Dozen Distinctive Destinations. This is a list comprised of "unique and lovingly preserved communities" in the U.S.

"Philipsburg demonstrates the full character of our Montana towns," notes Governor Brian Schweitzer upon congratulating Philipsburg on this honor. "The fine people of Philipsburg exemplify what can be accomplished when a community recognizes their assets and works diligently to preserve them. These efforts ensure the economic vitality of the area and provide an opportunity for our children to continue to remain in our top-quality communities and raise their own families while making a decent living."

Winning communities were selected on their achievement in areas such as well managed growth, a commitment to historic preservation, interesting and attractive architecture, activities for families, an economic base of locally-owned small businesses and walkability. Philipsburg shares this year's honor with such notable destinations as Monterey, CA and Palm Springs, CA as well as Waimea, Kauai, Hawaii.

"Philipsburg is a true jewel nestled in the picturesque Flint Creek Valley," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "A dynamic community with numerous historic events to share with visitors, Philipsburg is truly a piece of heaven in Big Sky Country."

Other Montana communities that have been honored with this distinction in the past include Red Lodge in 2001, Butte in 2002 and Helena in 2005.

This year's destinations were chosen from 93 nominated in 39 states. More information and images of Philipsburg can be found at: <http://www.nationaltrust.org>.

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